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第1話 ——LET'S GO——

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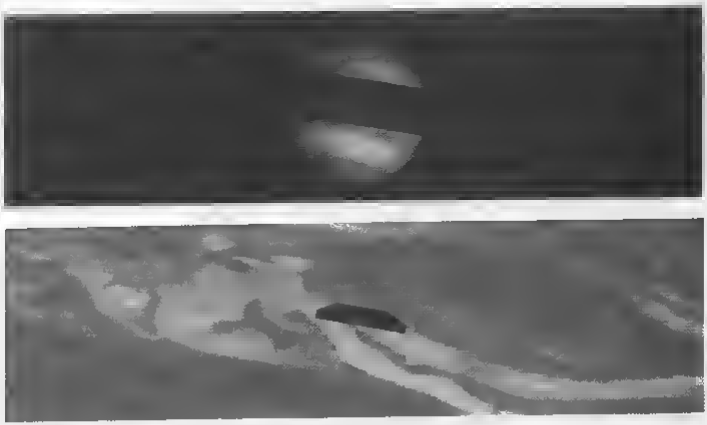
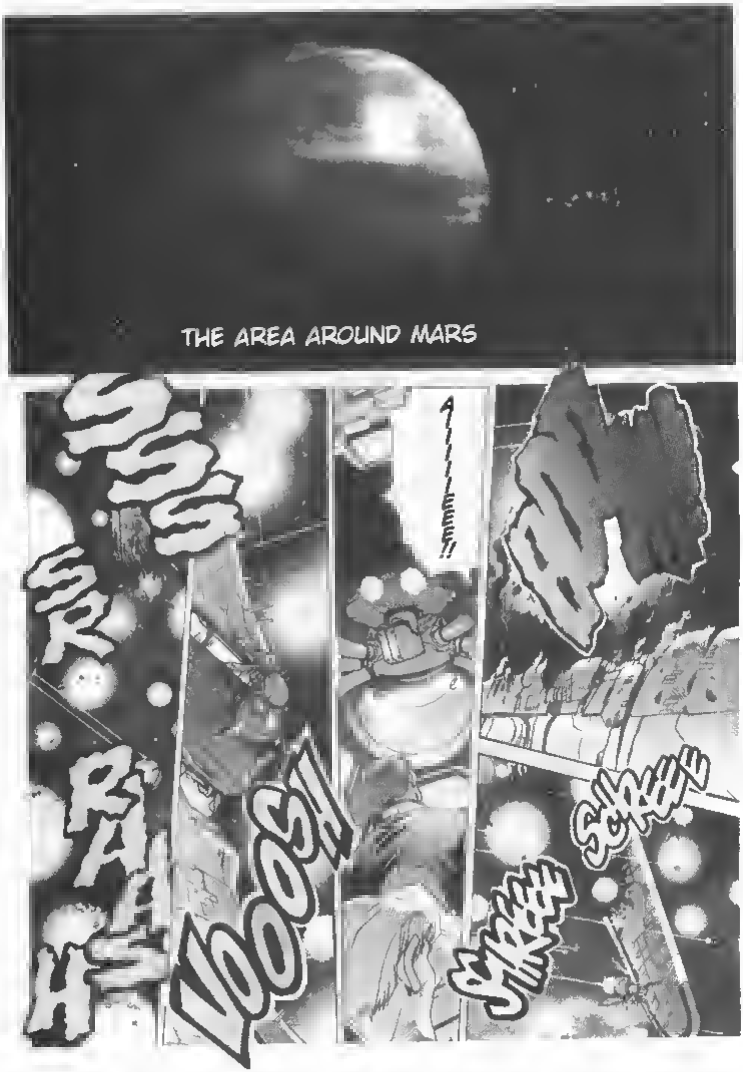
THERE... AN OBJECT FROM JUPITER...



FA-SH
BOOM
THE SHIP HAS SUSTAINED DAMAGE TO THE AFT!!
POWER TO THE FIRST AND SECOND TURRETS HAS BEEN CUT!!
ALL OUR DESTROYERS HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT!!
CAPTAIN!!
VREEN
VREEN


THE AREA AROUND MARS
SSS
SIR
RA
H
WOOSH!
AIIIEEE!!
SKREE!!
SKREE!!

REIN-FORCE-MENTS APPROACHING FROM THE MONORIS!!
THEY'RE JORO! WE'VE IDENTIFIED ALMOST FOUR THOUSAND JORO!!
MUNETAKE, HOW MANY EARTH WARSHIPS DO WE HAVE LEFT?
CLIK BLIP. BEEP!
YES, SIR.
ONE BATTLESHIP, EIGHT CHARGER SHIPS, FOURTEEN CRUISERS, TWO MISSILE SHIPS AND ONE AIRCRAFT CARRIER THAT'S ALL THAT REMAINS.
THE MONORIS HAS SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING INTO MARS' ORBIT!!
FLASH
FLASH
THIS IS A FLEET-WIDE ORDER!! FOCUS ALL YOUR FIREPOWER DIRECTLY AT THE MONORIS!!
TRY TO REDIRECT THE COURSE OF THEIR INVASION!! BURN THEM OUT OF MARS' ATMOSPHERE!! IGNORE THE JORO AND THE BATTA!!

THERE'S NO CHANCE OF VICTORY AGAINST THEM WITH THIS WARSHIP!
WITH THIS WARSHIP!!
CAPTAIN!
WARGG
BUT WE MUST PREVENT THE JUPITERIAN INVASION OF MARS.
ESPECIALLY THE MONORIS' INVASION OF MARS!!
GYLO
BOOM
VREEN
VREEN

SQUEEEN
WE'VE SUCCEEDED IN CHANGING THE COURSE OF THE MONORIS' ENTRY.
.....
After Course
After Course
SQUEEEN
IT'S GOING TO BURN UP IN THE ATMO-SPHERE.
WHOOOSH
FOOOOM

VREEN
VREEN
VREEN
VREEN
ZZZAP
ZZZAP
ZZZAP
BATHOOM
CHOOM!
MASH!

ONE YEAR LATER..
OCTOBE
GAI

SCREEEEEE
.....
SCREEEEEE
JUPITER ...?
BOOM

I FINALLY GET A JOB AS A COOK...
...ONLY TO BE FIRED A MONTH LATER
IF PEOPLE HEAR RUMORS THAT OUR COOK USED TO BE A COWARD PILOT...
AKITO, YOU KNOW I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE RES-TAURANT'S IMAGE
THE RESTAURANT'S IMAGE? THE KITCHEN'S NOT ALL THAT SPECIAL..
AND I'M NOT A PILOT.
NO ONE COULD LIVE ON MARS WITHOUT THIS TATTOO.
AAAHHH!
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT.

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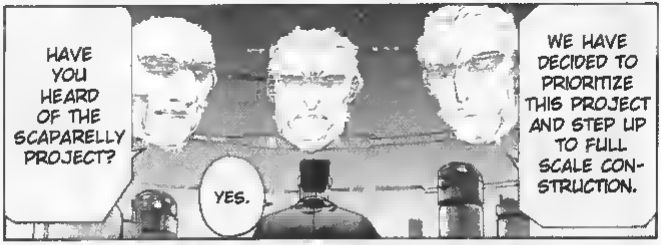
(EARTH)

NERGAL CONGLOMERATE


HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE SCAPARELLY PROJECT?
YES.
WE HAVE DECIDED TO PRIORITIZE THIS PROJECT AND STEP UP TO FULL SCALE CONSTRUCTION.

GORT, CERTAIN PEOPLE HAVE RECOMMENDED YOU FOR THIS POSITION BASED ON YOUR PAST WARTIME EXPERIENCES.
ME...?
IS THIS A MILITARY PROJECT?
PROSPECTOR WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE DETAILS.
THIS IS A DIRECT ORDER. YOU JUST DO AS HE SAYS.
PROSPECTOR...?

SIGH
WELL, TO BEGIN WITH, IT'S BEST IF I KEEP THIS TATTOO HIDDEN...
STREETCH!
...HERE ON EARTH.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
-SIGHS-

ZZZ ZZ...
ZZZZ...
ZZZ ZZZ...
ZZZ...
AKITO, WILL YOU PROTECT YURIKA FOREVER?
YES, I'LL PROTECT YURIKA FOREVER
REALLY? I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT.
HUH?
OH .. HE HE HE

THERE ARE GOING TO BE PLENTY OF WOMEN AT YOUR NEW ASSIGN-MENT.
PLIP!
SHOOM!
.....
YOU WILL RECEIVE A NICE RAISE AND A BONUS.
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. I PROMISE.
SAPOW!
LOOK AT THIS!
AND IF I MAKE A MISTAKE AND DON'T GET A BONUS?
NO IDEA.

I WON'T LET YOU DO THAT.
HUH??
WHAT? AKITO AND I ARE GOING TO GET MARRIED!
WHAT?!
HE JUST PROMISED ME. AKITO'S GOING TO BE MY HUSBAND!
OUCH!
NO, HE'S NOT. I'M GOING TO MARRY HIM AND START A HAPPY FAMILY.
OUCH! OUCH!
IT HURTS.
BONK!
OUCH!
THAT REALLY HURT! WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?
GRAAH!!
THUD
UH...

OOPS!
DRIBBLE!
THUD
KYAAAA!! YOU PERVERT!! HELP! PEEPING TOM!!
WAIT...
YOU SAW MY PANTIES AND NOW YOUR NOSE IS BLEEDING!!
NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE. SOMETHING HIT ME IN THE NOSE AND..
NOOOOOO!! DON'T TOUCH ME! I'M GOING TO GET PREGNANT!!

I'M REALLY SORRY.
IT'S OK. IT'S ALREADY STOPPED!
HUH? THERE'S SOMETHING FAMILIAR... IT'S AS IF WE'VE MET BEFORE.
NO, WE HAVEN'T.
YURIKA, WE HAVE TO GO. WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR OUR OWN DEPARTURE CEREMONY.
YEAH, I KNOW. SEE YOU THEN. BYE.
YEAH... BYE.

YURIKA, WHAT'S WRONG?
TOK
TOK
TOK
OH, JUN! HE SAW MY PANTIES AND HIS NOSE STARTED BLEEDING..
YURIKA ..?
WHAT?
.....
THIS IS ALL WE DROPPED.
KA-TCHIK
THANK YOU BOTH FOR HELPING ME.
NO MATTER HOW SMALL, IF ANY CASE KNOCKS YOUR NOSE, YOU'LL BLEED.
I GUESS SO.

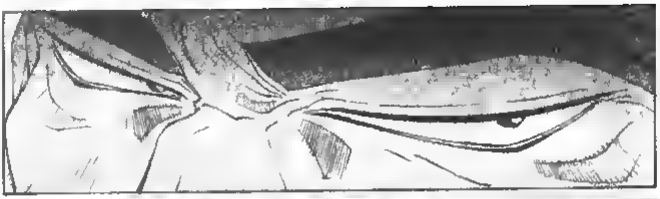
VVROOM
WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE. WE HAD TO STOP BECAUSE YOU GOT CAR SICK.
BUT I WAS REALLY SICK. I NEEDED THE FRESH AIR
SQWAK SQUAK
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE CAPTAIN OF A WARSHIP GETS CAR SICK SO EASILY.
WHAT?
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN LISTEN-ING TO?
SQWAK SQWAK
OH, THIS? I'M TRYING TO TAKE MY MIND OFF BEING IN A CAR.
IT'S A CLASSIC BUT I JUST LOVE THIS SONG. IT'S BY KYOKO KOIZUMI. I LOVE HER MUSIC.
IT'S ALMOST TWO HUNDRED YEARS OLD. IT WAS CALLED POP MUSIC BACK THEN.
SQWAWK SQUAWK

WHOOOOSH!!
WELL, I SHOULD BE GETTING BACK HOME.
HUH?
MY PENDANT!
GRAB!
HUH?
HUH?
GRAB!
HUH?
HUH?
GRAB!
HUH?
HUH?
OH, NO... IT MUST BE IN THAT GIRL'S CASE!?
DAMN!!
TOK TOK TOK
TODAY IS JUST NOT MY DAY!!
THEY WERE WEARING SOLDIER'S UNI-FORMS
TOK TOK TOK
THAT MEANS I HAVE TO GO TO THE BASE!!

HRRRMMMM
WE, THE NERGAL CONGLOMERATE, HAVE ASKED YOU HERE, ADMIRAL FUKUBE, BECAUSE OF YOUR VALUE AND EXPERIENCE.
I THOUGHT YOU PROMISED THAT YOU'D LEAVE THE CREW SELECTION TO ME.
BUT HE'S BEEN WITH ME FOR A LONG TIME NOW.
I CAN'T FIRE HIM.
BUT...
HEY, YOU! I CAN'T SAY THAT I'M HAPPY WITH YOU EITHER, BUT ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO PUT A WARSHIP INTO THEIR HANDS?

YOU LISTEN TO LOTS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF MUSIC, DON'T YOU, YURIKA?
IT'S ALL GOOD. I LIKE IT.
.....
I'M SURE. FROM SOME-WHERE.
WE WILL BE AT THE DOCK SHORTLY.
THANK YOU. PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO GATE 27.
VVVRROOM!

THEY'RE NOT MILITARY BUT EACH IS AN EXPERT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.
AND THEIR CAPTAIN IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF EXTREME TALENT, WHO NEVER LOST A SINGLE BATTLE SIMULATION DURING THEIR ENTIRE TIME AT THE UNIVERSITY.
THEN, IS THIS TALENTED PERSON HERE?
NO.
SHOOM!
JUN AOI HERE. I'M A FORMER UNITED NAVY LIEUTENANT!
I'M HERE TO ASSUME MY POST AS THE CAPTAIN'S SECOND-IN-COMMAND.
THE COMMANDING OFFICER HERE LOOKS FINE, I GUESS.
.....
GLARE!
NOW WHERE IS THE CAPTAIN?
HUH?
WHAT?



I'M LEAVIN' ON A JET PLANE
I DON'T KNOW
I'LL BE BACK AGA

I'M HERE BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE SHE IS
BUT
...THAT PENDANT BELONGED TO MY DEAD FATHER
I HAVE TO...
WHOOAAA!!

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PUP!
ZZZ...
THUK! THUK!

A R.. ROBOT?
WHY IS THERE A ROBOT HERE?

HEY, HURRY UP! BRING UP ANOTHER!
YES, SIR
UH-OH!!
I CAN HIDE IN THERE
OOHHHH...

I GUESS I SHOULD STAY IN HERE FOR THE TIME BEING
AM I IN A COCK-PIT?!

CAPTAIN, ONLY TWO HOURS TO DEPARTURE WE SHOULD GET READY!
I'M WORKING ON IT.
BLIP
BLIP
BEEP
BEEP
THE NERGAL VICE-PRESIDENT WILL BE HERE SOON.
WE'D LIKE YOU TO CHRISTEN THE SHIP.
BLEEP
OK.
I DIDN'T KNOW THIS SHIP HASN'T BEEN NAMED YET.
BLIP
BEEP
BLIP
KWOOM!
BA-THOOM!
BOOM!
PHOOM!

.....
HELLO, EVERYONE I AM YURIKA MISUMARU, CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP.
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
PEACE!
DO YOU THINK THAT CAPTAIN WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE ALL THIS?
I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT AN IDIOT!

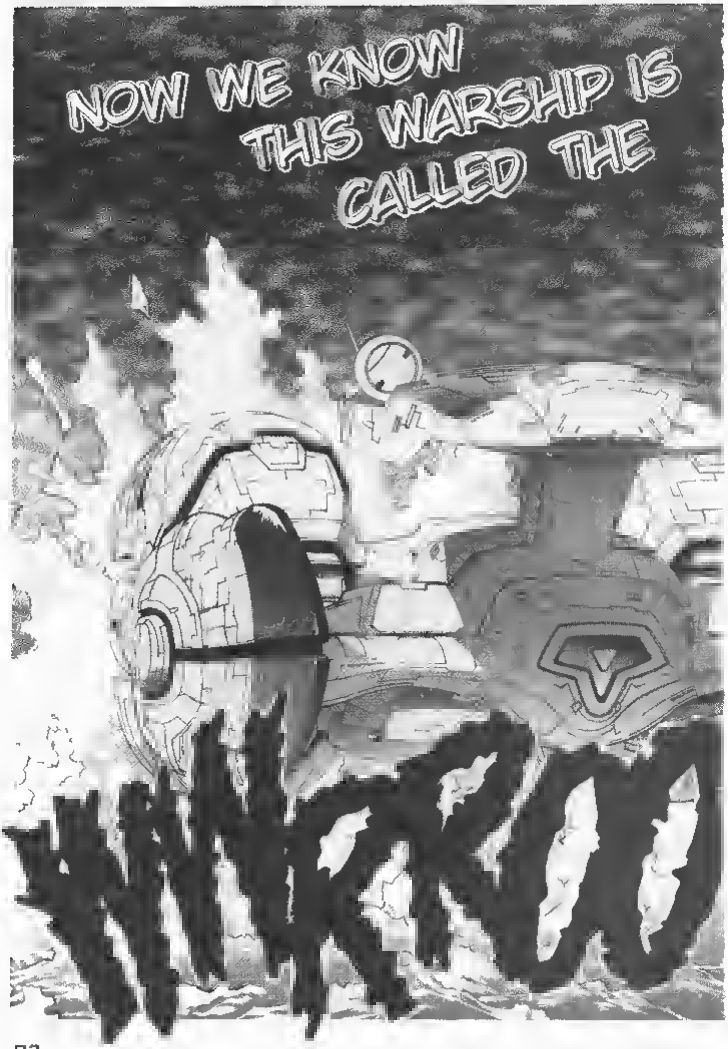
WE HAVE TO TAKE OFF!
SQUAWK SQUAWK
SQUAWK!
W...WAIT A MINUTE, CAPTAIN, WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
HUH?
HE'S RIGHT, YURIKA .. I MEAN, CAPTAIN.
WE'RE NOT READY YET AND THE CREW..
WE HAVE NO CHOICE. WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE AND FIGHT! WE CAN WORRY ABOUT PREPARATIONS LATER.
SQUAWK
MINATO, FLOOD THE DOCK AND START THE SUB-ENGINES
I DON'T HAVE A CLUE!
FLOOD THE DOCK! START THE SUB-ENGINES!
WOOOSH
SPLASH!

SIR, WE'VE BEEN AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL.
OH, GORT, I FINALLY DECIDED ON A NAME FOR THIS NEW WARSHIP
GLIP
IT'S A NAME THAT WILL SURPRISE YOU
CLANG!
WHAT?
"CLATTER" "CLATTER"
THOOM!
GHOOM
JUPITERIAN FORCES AND OUR GROUND TROOPS ARE LOCKED IN BATTLE DIRECTLY ABOVE THE SHIP
WHOOOSH
ATTENTION ALL CREW!! LEVEL TWO ALERT!!
WHOOSH
THEY MUST KNOW ABOUT THIS WARSHIP!!
CAPTAIN!! THIS SHIP IS THEIR TARGET!!

SPACE

RATTLE!
RATTLE!
WHAT'S THIS SHAKING?
AAAHHH!!
OUR WARSHIP IS MOVING!!
RATTLE! RATTLE!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. THERE'S STILL ONE HOUR TO DEPARTURE.
NO WAY!!
FLIP!
READY!!
SPACE CRUISER NADESICO, LIFT OFF!!
SQUAWK! SQUAWK!
NADESICO ?!?!?
HUH?
RATTLE!
RATTLE!
SWISH

NADESICO?
NADESICO?
NADESICO?
HUH?! NADESICO?
NADESICO?


NOW WE KNOW
THIS WARSHIP IS
CALLED THE
HIKARU

WWRAAASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
THAT'S RIGHT!! THE NADESICO!!
NOW LET'S DO THIS!!

WE ARE NOW FULLY SURFACED! TARGETS AT TWO O'CLOCK!!
ENGINE POWER NOW AT SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT!
ALL RIGHT.
CLICK!

IT'S ONLY A SMALL FORCE. WE SHOULD DRIVE THEM AWAY IN NO TIME.
GRAVI-TATION BLASTS, STAND BY!
CAPTAIN, WE ARE QUICKLY RUNNING OUT OF ENERGY. WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO FULLY CHARGE.
WE'LL NEED TEN MINUTES IN ORDER TO CHARGE THE GRAVITATION BLASTS! WHAT SHALL WE DO?
WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.
WE CAN'T USE CONVEN-TIONAL WEAPONS WHILE CHARGING. WE HAVE TO HOLD THEM OFF FOR TEN MINUTES BUT...

NADESICO!
再会!!
第2話 MEET AGAIN

I'M AFRAID THE PILOTS AREN'T ON BOARD.
SHOCK!
WHAT KIND OF WAR-SHIP IS THIS?
CAPTAIN, WE SHOULD...
CHOOM
CHOOM!
SOME-THING'S WRONG AT PLAT-FORM A!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
WHEEE-WHEE
KRZAM!

CAPTAIN, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO? SHALL I PROCEED ON COURSE FOR A FULL FRONTAL ATTACK?
CLK!
PLING! BLEEP!
THE NEON ARMOR WILL HOLD OUT FOR FIVE MINUTES BUT...
WE ARE NOW IN THEIR ATTACK RANGE!
KaBOOM
SHIPBOARD ROBOT, AESTIVALIS, STAND BY! PILOT TO THE PLATFORM!
CHARGE THE GRAVITATION BLASTS!

Valis 01
LIVE : NG-S
現在時間：23時36
WHERE'S THE MICRO-PHONE BUTTON?
!!
LIVE : NG
現在時間：23
HUH, THAT'S... THE GUY WE MET EARLIER!?
BUT WHY IS HE IN THE AESTI VALIS?! HOW...
PHEW--IT FINALLY STOPPED. I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO THAT!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME? WHY ARE YOU IN THERE?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I COULDN'T FIND THE BUTTON FOR THE HATCH. SO I PRESSED BUTTONS AT RANDOM.
BELIEVE ME! IT'S TRUE...

BOOM!
THIS IS URIBATAKE ON THE PLATFORM!
SMASH!
THE AEST! VALIS IS FLAILING VIOLENTLY!! WHO'S CONTROLLING IT?
RURI, CONNECT ME TO THE COCKPIT!
WHO'S IN THERE?
.....
Bleep
Bleep
IT'S THE COOK.
THE COOK?
WHAT THE HELL?
IS THAT ROBOT USEFUL IN COOKING?
I WOULDN'T THINK SO, BUT...
CRASH!

A... KITO?
AKITO...
TEN-KAWA...
SCHEEEN
SCHEEEN
NEON ARMOR IS DANGER-OUSLY LOW!
SCHEEEN
SCHEEEN
FIVE MORE MINUTES TO GO ON THE GRAVI-TATION BLASTS!!

MY NAME IS...
NAME IS...
GHOOM!
AKITO! AKITO TEN-KAWA!!

SHOCK!
YURIKA MISUMARU!!
NO WAY!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
GYAAAH!!
ZZTHOOM!
ZZTHOOM!
WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?
ZZTHOOM!
ZZTHOOM!
DAMN!! OPEN UP!!
BANG!
OPEN UP!! PLEASE!!
THE COOK IS SAYING HE WANTS OUT.
!

NOO WAAAY! AKITO? ARE YOU REALLY AKITO?!
YURIKA IS SOOOOOO HAPPY!
SKA-A-A-A

AKITO! SINCE YOU ARE WILLING TO FIGHT FOR OUR LOVE...
I'M ALSO WILLING TO TAKE A CHANCE ON OUR LOVE, MY DARLING!!
GRAB
OPEN THE PLATFORM HATCH!
YES, SIR.
ZZ
THOM!
!
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HER ANYMORE!!
WHOOSH WHOOSH
AIIEEEE!!
SCREEEEN SCREEEEN
AKITO!!

OH, AKITO, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! YOU'RE GOING TO ACT AS A DECOY UNTIL THE GRAVITATION BLASTS ARE CHARGED, AREN'T YOU?
I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT!
BANG!
QUICKLY!! LET ME OUT OF HERE NOW!!! IF I'M EVEN NEAR THAT WOMAN...
BANG!
SWISH!
.. I WON'T BE HAPPY!!
MY PRINCE WHO SAVES ME..
twinkle twinkle
THUS PROVING YOUR LOVE FOR ME !!
THAT WOMAN IS CURSED!!
YAAAH!!
CHOOM!
SWOOSH!
OH, NO! OUR WAR-SHIP..
SCREEEW!
IF THE SHIP SINKS, WE'LL BE OVER BUDGET!!
UMM...

I DON'T REALLY WANT TO USE THIS BUT...
...IT MIGHT JUST SAVE MY LIFE. I DON'T WANT TO DIE JUST YET.
CLATTER
SCHWIEN
KLANG!
WWWOOOOSSHH!
SWISH

Pfp!
ZZZWWWWWW
YYWWOOOOSHH
AN ENEMY BATTLESHIP IS EMERGING FROM THE MONORIS!!
TWO MINUTES TO GRAVITATION BLASTS!!
OH, AKITO.
YOU'RE NOT LISTENING
WHY ARE THEY CHASING JUST ME?
GUUU
WWW

BOOM!
SURFER
UWEEEEEN
UWEEEEEN
C'MON! C'MON!
DON'T GIVE UP EASILY, EH?
VWOOSH

dOOM!
THOM!
BWOOM!
WHUUSH!

THE JORO AND BATTA ARE NOW CONCENTRATING THEIR ATTACK ON THE AESTI VALIS.
ONE MINUTE TO GRAVITATION BLASTS
WE ARE GOING TO ATTACK THAT BATTLESHIP WITH THE GRAVITATION BLASTS.
MINATO, MOVE THE NADESICO PARALLEL WITH THE ENEMY SHIP!

ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT
WE ARE ENTERING THE ENEMY'S ATTACK RANGE! BUT...
THIRTY SECONDS TO BLASTS! ALL CREW FASTEN YOUR BELTS!
TIME COUNT ;00.00.30
BUT THE AESTI VALIS IS GOING TO. .
HUH?
AKITO...

KOOSH
WHAT
SHOOM!
1
2
3
4
5
6
FIRING GRAVITATION BLAST!
THIS IS WHY TOSHIRO IS ALWAYS IN TROUBLE!!
HUH?!

SCHREEEN
BWOOM
FIFTEEN SECONDS TO GRAVITATION BLASTS!
KA-TCHANCK!
SHOCK AND FLASH PROTECTION IN PLACE!
HHRRMM
TEN SECONDS --
9
8
AKITO, GET OUT OF THERE!!
7

WE DID IT...!?
CAPTAIN...
.....
AKITO...

TWWOOOOSHH
SHKKKKN
SQUIRE
CRASH

AKITO! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WE'RE GOING TO BRING YOU UP.
HRRM
HRRM
HRRM
HRRM
HRRM
UUGH...

THEY CAN'T SHOOT THE GRAVITATION BLASTS IF YOU'RE IN THE LINE OF FIRE!
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
GUY! I'M GUY DAIGOJI!!
GUY...
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME. I'M AKITO... AKITO TENKAWA.

WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF ENERGY. WE'LL HAVE ZERO ENERGY BY THE TIME WE REACH THE ATMOSPHERE, OR MAYBE EVEN BEFORE THAT.
BUT...RURI WE HAVE A PHASE TRANSITION ENGINE WHICH CAN CREATE AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY OF ENERGY FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD
CAPTAIN PHASE TRANSITION ISN'T ALCHEMY. WE NEED ANOTHER SOURCE OF ENERGY TO POWER THE PHASE TRANSITION!
YOU MEAN WE'RE GOING TO BE LOST IN SPACE?
YES, WE ARE. BUT IF WE'RE LUCKY, WE'LL BE OK.
OH, NO... RURI, DON'T BE SO COLD.
HUGG
CAPTAIN, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SEAT. I'M GOING TO POWER UP THE ENGINES.

SPLASH!
COLLECTION OF TWO AESTI VALISES COMPLETE.
WE'RE PREPARING TO EXIT EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE! ALL HANDS, STAND BY!
SPLASH!
ENGINE POWER TO MAXIMUM!
FINAL COURSE FOR DEPARTURE CONFIRMED!!
HERE WE GO! SPACE CRUISER NADESICO, READY FOR DEPARTURE...
KRNK!
KRNK!
KRNK!
EXCUSE ME... CAPTAIN...
...FOR SPACE !!

vooooosh!

WHAT ?!
LET'S GO! THOUGH WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT...
I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT CHANCE!
WHO ARE YOU? STAR WOLF?
CAPTAIN, RETURN TO YOUR SEAT PLEASE!
OK, OK!
GAZE!

PHEW! I HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS GOING ON BEFORE.
THEN, RIGHT AFTER LIFTOFF THERE WAS NERGAL'S SPACE DOCK RIGHT IN FRONT OF US WE'RE JUST TOO LUCKY, EVEN IF IT WAS BY ACCIDENT.
WERE WE LUCKY OR WAS IT THE DEVIL'S LUCK?

宇宙へ!!

第3話 IN THE SPACE

A COOK? YOU'RE NOT A PILOT? YOU'RE JUST A NORMAL CITIZEN!?
WHY DO YOU HAVE A TATTOO? AND WHY WERE YOU IN THE AESTI VALIS?
I NEVER INTENDED TO PILOT THAT ROBOT.
I'M JUST A COOK AND ON MARS, EVERY-BODY HAS TATTOOS.
MARS?
ARE YOU FROM MARS?
I HADN'T HEARD THAT AESTI VALIS 02 WAS COMING IN SEPARATELY...
MR. JIRO YAMADA!
I'M GUY DAIGOJI!! IT'S MY SOUL NAME. DON'T MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT.
HUH? JIRO YAMADA?
BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE GUY... SOME-THING?
YOU'RE THE ONE MAKING A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT.

SEE. I TOLD YOU SO.
UUGH... MY STOMACH HURTS...

WE WERE ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH THE SHIP USING THE EXTRA SHUTTLE. HOWEVER...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GOT INTO THE AEST! VALIS AND FLEW IT WITHOUT PERMISSION! THIS IS SERIOUS CRIME!! DO YOU UNDERSTAND? DO YOU WANT TO BE A PILOT?
I'M... A COOK.
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO BE A PILOT.
THEN WHY DID YOU SNEAK INTO OUR WARSHIP?
IT JUST TURNED OUT THAT WAY...
WHAT?
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'VE DONE? THE PLATFORM IS BROKEN THANKS TO YOU...

WELL, ANYHOW, WE'VE FINISHED BRINGING UP THE AESTI VALISES.
I APPRE-CIATE THAT, MR. JIRO YAMADA.
SHUT UP!! I TOLD YOU I AM GUY DAIGOJI!! I'M NOT JIRO YAMADA.
I'M SEIYA URIBATAKE, GROUND CREW CHIEF. YOU SHOULD LEARN HOW TO SPEAK TO YOUR SENIORS.
JIRO.
UUGH...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU PUT MY LITTLE AESTI VALIS INTO SALT WATER.
pat! pat!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR SILKY SKIN, OK?
.....
OOPS! I FORGOT ABOUT YOU.
HEY, YOU! AKITO, COME WITH ME!
THE CONGLOM-ERATE BIGWIGS WANT TO SEE YOU.
?
HUH?

CAPTAIN, WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NADESICO?
I WANT TO KNOW WHEN THAT SHIP WAS NAMED THE NADESICO!?
JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO, SIR, I HAVE PROOF THAT THIS SHIP IS THE NADESICO!!
WHAT!?
GGGRRRRR. I WANT TO SEE AKITO NOW, BUT THIS OLD FART WON'T SHUT UP!
WHAT PROOF?
HUH? WHO DID THAT THERE?!
NADESICO

THAT AESTI VALIS 01 YOU WERE IN WAS JUST SPRAYED WITH MAGNET SURFACER, READY TO BE PAINTED.
THIS STUPID GUY...
MY LITTLE AESTI VALIS
WE HAVE TO DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN NOW BECAUSE YOU DUNKED IT IN SALT WATER.
.....
I DON'T KNOW
NORMALLY, YOU WOULD BE JUDGED BY THE COMPANY COURT, BUT THE CAPTAIN SAID WE NEED NOT MENTION THIS MATTER.
I WANT TO GO BACK TO SASEBO.
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
THIS SHIP WON'T BE GOING BACK TO THE EARTH.
THIS SHIP IS HEADED FOR THE END OF THE UNI-VERSE.
THE END OF THE UNI-VERSE ...?
THE TRUTH IS, WE WANT YOU TO WORK AS A PART-TIME PILOT HERE ON THE SHIP.
THAT'S RIGHT.

T--THIS IS AN ORIGINAL POSTER FOR THE GIANT ROBOT ANIME, "GEKIGANGER 3!!"

WHAT IS SUCH A RARE COLLECT-IBLE DOING HERE!?

BOY, DOES THIS BRING ME BACK! I USED TO WATCH THIS ON MARS WHEN I WAS A KID.

WOW! KEN TENKU! JOE UMITSU-BAME! COOL!!

OH, IT'S SUPER ALLOY GEKI-GANGER!

"GEKIGANGER 3" STARTS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, AT 7 PM

LET'S DO IT FOR OUR SHIP!!
SPACE CRUISER NADESICO
WE'RE LOOKING FOR LOGO DESIGNS!!!
WE WANT THE RIG O FOR OUR SHIP!!
SEE HUMAN RES ES FOR DE AILS
YOUR CAPTAI KA MISUMARU

RIGHT LOGO
N RESOURCES FOR
PTAIN, YURIKA M
SHE'S ...THE CAPTAIN ...?
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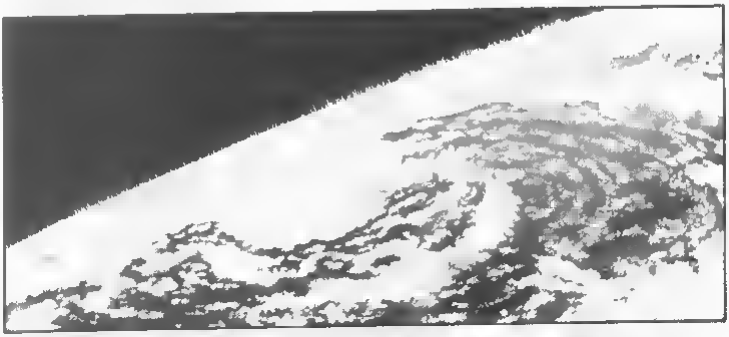
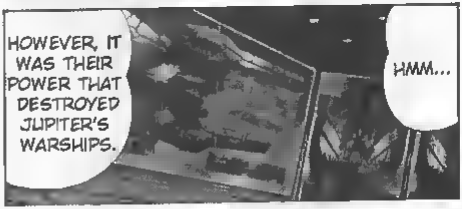
IT SEEMS SHE SAVED MY LIFE.
I SHOULD GO AND THANK HER.
BUT WHERE'S THE BRIDGE?
HUH?



NERGAL'S NEW WARSHIP? AS A PUBLIC COMPANY, WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?!
UNITED EARTH GOVERNMENT, JAPANESE HEADQUARTERS


HOWEVER, IT WAS THEIR POWER THAT DESTROYED JUPITER'S WARSHIPS.
HMM...

BUT IN ANY CASE, WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE THAT KIND OF WARSHIP OUT THERE ON ITS OWN.
CHIEF SARASHINA, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I AGREE, SIR!
WE'VE ALREADY MADE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.
BRRRP!

THIS IS SO COOL!! WHO LIVES HERE!?
THEY HAVEN'T PUT THIS STUFF IN ORDER YET
THERE'RE SO MANY OTHER THINGS TOO!! THIS IS LAM FROM "TOMDEMONE YATSURA."
WOW! IT'S "SPACE PIRATE GOVERNMENT!"
HE IS SO COOL!
DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH ANYTHING IN THIS ROOM!
UMM...
ALL THESE THINGS ARE DEAR TO ME.
THIS ROOM IS MY SANCTUARY. YOU MAY NOT ENTER THIS ROOM WITHOUT PERMISSION.
THIS IS... YOUR ROOM, UMM...
JIRO YAMADA.
I AM GUY DAIGOJI.
SHOK
SH
WHY?

AAA-CHOO!
LILIGH...
YURIKA, DID YOU CATCH A COLD?
COLDS ARE THE ONLY DISEASE WITH NO CURE. YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.
IF IT GETS BAD AND BECOMES A SPACE COLD, IT WILL BE AWFUL.
THANKS. I'M OK.
CAPTAIN, PLEASE CONFIRM EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS BEFORE DEPARTURE. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME IN OUR SCHEDULE.
I KNOW, ADMIRAL FUKUBE.
RURI, RUN A COMPLETE CHECK OF THE NADESICO!
UNDERSTOOD.
HARUKA, CHECK THE DEPARTURE PROGRAM!
I'M WORKING ON IT.
MEGUMI, ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BE DEPARTING IN TEN MINUTES!
UNDERSTOOD.

IF NERGAL WON'T STOP, THEN WE WILL BE FORCED TO TAKE ACTION
WE'RE EITHER GOING TO CAPTURE THE SHIP...
...OR DESTROY IT.
UMM...
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S THE WARSHIP'S NAME?
WELL... AS PER THE LAST REPORT...

HER NAME IS THE NADESICO!

HAHA HAHA HA
NADESICO? NERGAL HAS NO SENSE, DO THEY?!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA
HA HA HA
IT SOUNDS LIKE YAMATO NADESICO!!
WHO CAME UP WITH A NAME LIKE THAT!?
HA HA HA

ALRIGHT, ONE MORE TIME!!
WELL, I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO SEE AKITO.
SPACE CRUISER NADESICO, LIFT OFF!!
NADESICO
NADESICO

ENERGY CHECK COMPLETE! CONNECT THE LINE TO THE PHASE TRANSITION ENGINE!
EVERY-THING'S FINE IN THE LIVING AREAS.
DISPATCH THE BEACON INSTRUC-TIONS.
STARTING PHASE TRANSITION ENGINE CONNECT AND FIRE ON THE FLYWHEEL.
DEPARTURE PROGRAM... CHECK. NAVIGATION COMPUTER... CHECK. MAIN COMPUTER... CHECK.
HEY, WE HAVEN'T MADE SPACE FOR THE AESTI VALIS YET.
EVERY-THING CHECKS OUT. ALL SYSTEMS ARE CLEAR

I THINK GEKINGER IS THE BEST.
WRRRM
YEAH?! YOU THINK SO TOO?!
WE SHOULD WATCH ALL THIRTY-NINE EPISODES ONE DAY.
DO YOU HAVE THEM ALL?

THIS IS THE UNITED EARTH GOVERNMENT'S THIRD FLEET FROM THE FAR EAST!!
ooo
ooo

!
WHAT?
CAPTAIN! THERE'S AN UN-IDENTIFIED OBJECT DIRECTLY IN OUR PATH.
WHAT?
!
WH... WHAT IS THAT?!
NNNN
HHHRRRRMM
NERGAL CONGLOM-ERATE WARSHIP, NADESICO...
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE.

SUSANO...
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THE CAPTAIN IS...
KOICHIRO...
KOICHIRO MISUMARU!!
WHOOOOSH
DAD...?

UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE FLAGSHIP, SUSANO!!

I'M YURIKA MISUMARU, CAPTAIN OF THE NADESICO!
NADESICO NO-SF-23A
YURIKA MISUMARU
THE NADESICO IS CURRENTLY DEPARTING FOR DEEP SPACE!!

NERGAL CONGLOMERATE'S WARSHIP, NADESICO, DO YOU READ ME?
THIS IS THE UNITED EARTH GOVERNMENT'S THIRD FLEET FROM THE FAR EAST!!
I AM THE CAPTAIN OF THE FLAGSHIP, SUSANO!
MY NAME IS KOICHIRO MISUMARU!!
WE ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT YOUR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.
RRRM
RRHHH
IF NOT, WE ARE GOING TO BE FORCED TO CAPTURE YOU, FORCIBLY!!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS. I THOUGHT WE'VE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE UNITED EARTH GOVERNMENT.
MR. PROSPECTOR?
RURI, CONNECT ME TO THE SUSANO! I'LL SPEAK WITH THEM DIRECTLY.
OK, HERE YOU GO.

YUKAI!!
IT'S DAD! YOUR FATHER!!
I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU. IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME. HOW FAR YOU'VE COME!
HUH? WE'VE ONLY BEEN APART SINCE YESTERDAY.
BUT DAD, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
OH... RIGHT. COUGH, COUGH!!
WE WANT THE NADESICO. WE WANT THE NADESICO'S FIREPOWER THAT TOOK OUT THAT JUPITERIAN WARSHIP WITH ONE SHOT!
FIRST OFF, WHAT IS A PRIVATE COMPANY DOING MAKING SUCH A WARSHIP?
HE'S RIGHT.

ナデシコ vs. スサノオ

第4話 —— NADESICO vs. SUSANOH ——

...WE WILL BE FORCED TO MAKE YOU COMPLY!!
YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES. WE WANT YOUR ANSWER BY THEN!! THAT'S IT!!
.....
Va or Off
DAD...
I CAN'T BE-LIEVE THIS.
.....
I HAVE NO DOUBTS THAT SHE'S HIS DAUGHTER.
I FEEL ANXIOUS ABOUT OUR FUTURE.

I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT ALL RIGHT NOW BUT THE NADESICO HAS A GRAND PURPOSE.
IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL, THE NADESICO HAS TREMENDOUS FIREPOWER SO THE JUPITERIANS CAN'T STOP US.
GRAND PUR-POSE?
WHAT?
AS THE CAPTAIN HAS STATED, WE AT NERGAL CAN USE THIS WAR-SHIP FOR PRIVATE REASONS...
WHO ARE YOU?
I AM CALLED PRO-SPECTOR, IN CHARGE OF FINANC-ING THE NADESICO.
THAT'S EVEN BETTER.
BUT AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE MILITARY HELPED YOU MAKE THAT WARSHIP.
WE LET YOU USE THE DOCK AT SASEBO.
HOWEVER, THE SITUATION HERE HAS CHANGED!!
SHUT DOWN THE NADESICO'S ENGINES AND GIVE US THE IGNITION PLUG!
IF YOU CHOOSE TO DENY OUR RE-QUESTS...

IT'S TIME.
HERE WE GO.
SO NADESICO, WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?
OUR ANSWER IS NO!
CAPTAIN KOICHIRO...
I SEE.
ZZRR
RRRTTT

ZZZZZZZZ
Z Z Z Z...
ZZZZZ
HUH, HE'S THE ONE WHO SAID WE SHOULD WATCH ALL OF THIS.
THIS IS ONLY THE THIRD EPISODE.
OOPS! I HAVE TO GO SEE YURIKA.
I'LL WATCH GEKI-GANGER LATER.
Z Z Z...
ACHOOOO!!

KA
WHAT ?!
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
WE'VE BEEN ATTACKED FROM THE STERN! OUR PATROL SHIP, IZANAGI, HAS BEEN DESTROYED!!
JUPITER-IANS!?
BUT HOW...

HHWWW
OOOSHH

ATTENTION ALL SHIPS, PREPARE FOR INTER-STELLAR BATTLE!! STAND BY TO OPEN FIRE!!
HRRRRM
OPEN GUN-PORTS!!
YES, SIR!
BUT WE'RE GOING TO FIRE ONLY ON THE NADESICO'S GRAVITATION BLASTER.
GET READY...
DAD...
HRRRRM
OUR TARGET IS THE NADESICO!!
THOOM
HRRRM

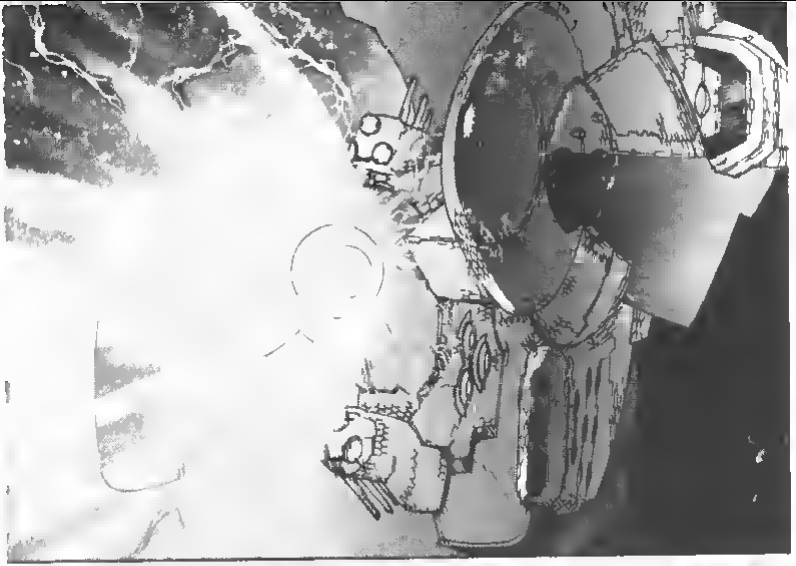
BIZZ!!
A GRAVITATION BLAST!?! THAT WARSHIP HAS GRAVITATION BLASTS?!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!

ALL SHIPS, FULL REVERSE, TURN 180 DEGREES!! DESTROY ALL JUPITERIAN WARSHIPS!!
STAND BY ON-BOARD MACHINES FOR DEPARTURE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!
HHH
HRRR
ENEMY WAR-SHIPS IDENTIFIED AS JORO AND BATTA.
FWA
HURRY UP ON-BOARD MACHINES FOR DEPAR-TURE!!
OPEN ALL GUNPORTS!! BACK UP THE UNITED FEDERATION FORCES AND ATTACK THE JUPITERIAN WARSHIP!!
GRAVI-TATION BLASTS, STAND BY!! BEGIN POWERING UP!!

THERE ARE NO FEDERATION SHIPS WITH GRAVITATION BLASTS NEAR THE ENEMY.
YOUR ORDERS, CAPTAIN?
.....
OH, RIGHT. GET READY TO FIRE GRAVI-TATION BLAST!!
YES, SIR!

DAMN, I'M LOST AGAIN.
WHERE'S THE BRIDGE?

SLINK
HUH? IS THIS THE PLAT-FORM?
BAM-BAM
PREPARE SPACE PROGRAMS FOR 01 AND 02.
PAKKIN, HURRY UP!!
I SHOULD LOOK FOR THE BRIDGE.
WAIT!!
SLOCK



THEIR GRAVITATION BLAST WAS 85 PERCENT AS POWERFUL AS OURS.
ACCORDING TO THIS DATA, OUR GRAVITATION BLASTS ARE STILL MORE POWERFUL.

DAMAGE REPORT!! ALL REMAINING WARSHIPS REGROUP FOR A SECOND ATTACK!!
CAPTAIN!! THE NADESICO IS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE ENEMY...
SHHOOSSS
SH
BATTLE-SHIPS CONTINUE TO DRAW ENEMY FIRE.
YURIKA, ARE YOU...
THE ENEMY WARSHIP IS NOW WITHIN THE NADESICO'S RANGE!!
GRAVITATION BLASTS, TEN SECONDS TO FIRING!! NINE!! EIGHT!!
IDENTIFYING HIGHLY FOCUSED ENERGY WITHIN THE ENEMY WARSHIP!!
OUR OPPONENT IS PREPARING TO LAUNCH A SECOND GRAVITATION BLAST!!

HEY, WHY ARE YOU STILL WEARING THAT COOK'S UNIFORM? PILOTS HAVE TO WEAR SPECIFIC UNIFORMS. YOU'RE ON STANDBY!!
NO... I'M NOT A PILOT. I'M A COOK.
GRAB
PEOPLE WITH THESE TATTOOS ARE DEFINITELY PILOTS!!
YOU CAN'T HIDE IT WITH THESE GLOVES!!
NOW, GET READY!!
RIIIP
AH...
NOW WHERE'S THAT OTHER PILOT?!
ACK
GOU

OOSHHH
!!
DAD!!

SIX!
FIVE!
FOUR!
THREE!
TWO!
ONE!

AHHH

DADDY!!
CAPTAIN, WE STILL HAVE CONTACT WITH THE SUSANO...
WHAT?
THEY'VE SUSTAINED MASSIVE DAMAGE BUT...

HOLD GRAVI-TATION BLAST!!
CLICK!
OK, OK.
FORWARD TURRET, LAUNCH GRAVITON!!
VWASH!
THE ENEMY SHIP HAS FIRED A GRAVI-TATION BLAST!! TWO SECONDS TO IMPACT WITH SUSANO...
AH...

A COLD?! YOU CAUGHT A COLD!?
LIVE
AT A TIME LIKE THIS?! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
SHUT UP! IT'S JUST A COLD...
I WILL BLOW THIS COLD AWAY WITH MY STRONG WILL.
IF IT'S POS-SIBLE...
YOU HAVE A COLD! YOU'RE TO BE ISOLATED IN SICK BAY!!
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?
THAT MEANS YOU ARE THE ONLY PILOT ON THIS SHIP WE CAN USE.
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

BOOM

GHOOM

THOOM

GROOM

DAD...
... ARE YOU ALRIGHT, DAD?
CAPTAIN, WE'RE READY TO FIRE GRAVI-TATION BLAST!!
WE'RE STANDING BY NOW. WE HAVE TO FIRE WITHIN THE NEXT TEN SECONDS!
LOCK ON ENEMY WARSHIP!! GRAVI-TATION BLAST...
FIRE!!

I...I TOLD YOU... I'M JUST A COOK.
FIGHTING IS...
ARE YOU STILL HARPING ON THAT?! YOU'RE A MAN, AREN'T YOU?! MEN FIGHT, AND FIGHT TO KILL THEIR OPPONENTS, OR DIE TRYING, RIGHT!? EVEN IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE GONNA LOSE, YOU SMILE AND GO INTO BATTLE! EVEN IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE GONNA DIE, YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE FIGHTING TO THE END. THAT'S WHAT BEING A MAN MEANS!! MEN ARE MADE FOR THE TOUGH LIFE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND? GOOD LUCK, SON!! NEVER GIVE UP!! NOT UNTIL YOU'VE WON!
IF YOU SAY SO...
YURIKA, CAN YOU HEAR ME? AFTER THAT LAST ONE, THEY'RE GOING TO NEED TO RECHARGE FOR THE NEXT BLAST.
FIGHT, YURIKA!! YOU CAN BEAT THAT JUPITERIAN WARSHIP!! FIRE!! FIRE YOUR GRAVITATION BLAST!!

BLEEP BLEEP BLEEP!
ENEMY DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT ONLY 65%.
THE NADESICO'S GRAVITATION BLAST DID NOT PERFORM AS EXPECTED. BUT WE'VE SUCCEEDED IN KNOCKING OUT THEIR WEAPONS.
IT APPEARS THEY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THEIR PHASE TRANSITION ENGINE!! POWER GENERATION TO THEIR DISTORTION FIELD IS DOWN. THEY CAN NO LONGER FIRE AT US.
WHAT'S GOING ON? THEY USED A SHIELD TO DIFFUSE OUR BLAST?!

ZZZAAAPPP
WWWAAA

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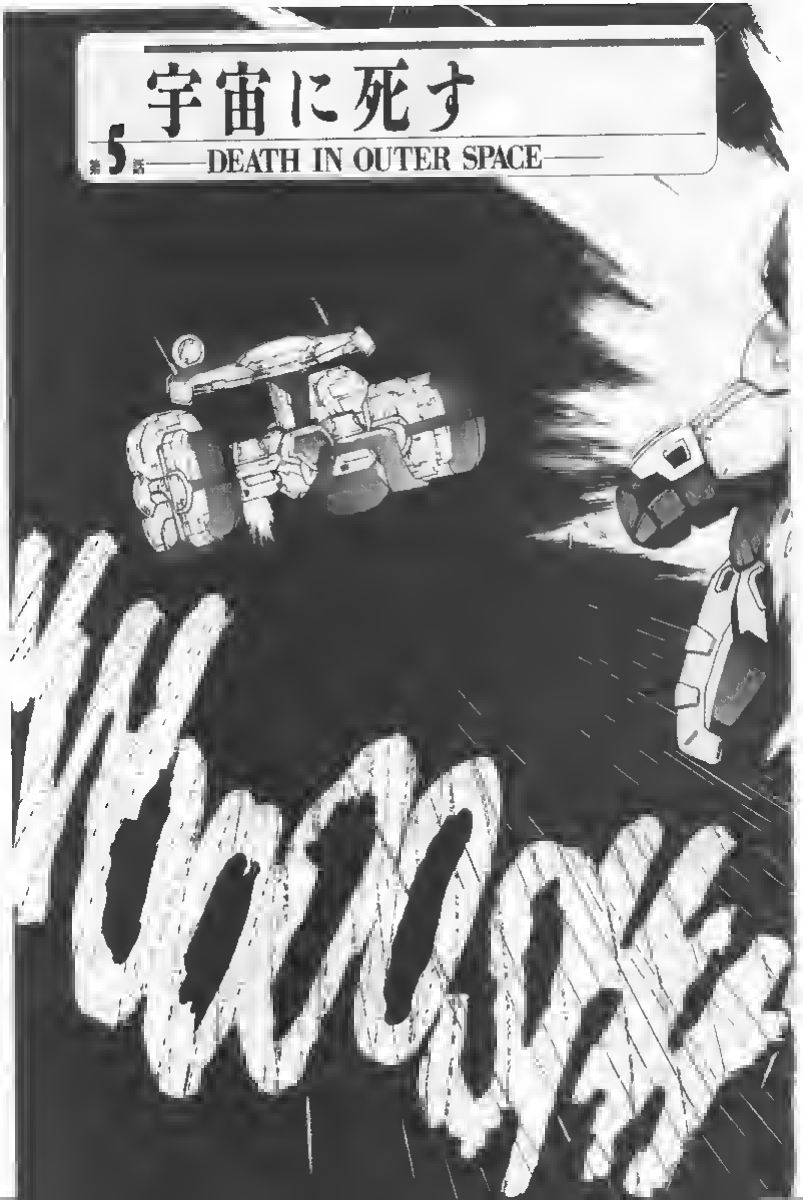
第5話 —— DEATH IN OUTER SPACE ——



I HAVE CONFIRMED IT IS INDEED A DISTORTION FIELD.
OUR OPPONENT HAS THE SAME SYSTEM THE NADESICO DOES.
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JORO AND BATTA ARE APPROACHING THE NADESICO'S BOW AT TEN O'CLOCK.
UNDERSTOOD. FULL SPEED AHEAD!
OPEN EVERY GUN TURRET! WE'RE GOING TO BREAK RIGHT THROUGH THE MIDDLE!
YES, SIR.
FULL SPEED AHEAD!
OUR SCOUT SHIP DECOY...
...WILL DRAW THEIR FIRE.
THE ENEMY WARSHIP IS REMAINING STATIONARY. WE SHOULD TRY TO BREAK THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE ENEMY FORMATION. THE FEDERATION FORCES HAVE BROKEN FORMATION ALREADY.
AESTI VALIS 01, PREPARE TO LAUNCH!!
KICK THEIR BUTTS AND CLEAN UP THIS MESS!!

KEEEE
THOOM!
BWOOM
DAMN, I'M JUST A COOK.
I'M NOT A PILOT!!
THE AESTI VALIS IS NOW ENGAGED IN BATTLE WITH THE ENEMY. HE'S DRAWN SIXTY-SIX PERCENT OF THEM AWAY.
I GUESS THAT'S HIS LIMIT.
BACK UP THE AESTI VALIS!!
EVERY BLASTER, AUTO-MATIC FIRING!!
WHREE WHREE WHREE

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
BOOM!
WHEEE
WOOOOSHH
DAMN! I CAN'T DO THIS. THIS SPACE FORMAT IS...
WHEEE
NO! WAIT! I'VE NEVER BEEN USED TO THIS AESTI VALIS...
WHOA!!
BOOM!
EMER-GENCY!
OH...
OH...
OH...
OH...
OH...
UH...
OH...
OH...
WHEEE

MEDICAL ROOM
Visitors must have an appointment with the doctor
Visiting Hours (Ship standard time) 13 00 - 17 00
UMM...
COUGH! COUGH!
DAMN... WHAT BAD MANEU-VERING.
IF I DON'T GET OUT THERE...
...THE NADESICO IS GOING DOWN.
CAPTAIN!! THE NADESICO IS GOING TO TRY TO BREAK THROUGH THE ENEMY RANKS!
RR
RH
MMM
MM
IF THEY CAN BREAK THROUGH, LET THEM GO. WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR THEM AT THIS POINT.
MY DAUGHTER IS ON HER OWN.
THAT'S RIGHT.

CRAAM!
I'M CLEARING THE PATH OF SPACE DEBRIS.
BEEP! BEEP!
DAMN!
WHEEEE!
GET OUT!!
AIEEE!!
GO GET MY ROBOT READY, NOW! OR ELSE I'M GOING TO INFECT YOU ALL WITH MY COLD!!
HEY, YOU! HOW DID YOU GET OUT OF SICK BAY?!

WHO IS IN THAT AESTI VALIS?
HIS MANEU-VERS ARE...
IT LOOKS LIKE AKITO TENKAWA IS ON BOARD.
WHAT!? AKITO IS...
BUT WHY? WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER PILOTS?
THE REGULAR PILOT IS JIRO YAMADA, BUT HE'S IN SICK BAY BECAUSE OF A COLD.
EXCEPT FOR HIM, THERE ARE NO OTHER PILOTS ON BOARD THE NADESICO.
WHAT?! AKITO DIDN'T COME SEE ME!
HE PREFERS THAT ROBOT OVER ME?!
NO! AKITO IS GOING TO BE MY SHIELD AND PROTECT ME AGAIN!
HE REALLY IS MY KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR, MY ROBIN HOOD.
YAY! YAY! GO, AKITO!!

WHOA!!
WHAM!
THE AESTI VALIS HAS BEEN CAUGHT BY AN ENEMY SHIP.
AKITO!!
AESTI VALIS 02, READY FOR LAUNCH!!
PSSSHH KKH
HEY!
YAAAH!!

YAMADA, STOP THIS!! IF YOU GO OUT THERE NOW, YOU'LL BE NOTHING BUT A TARGET.
AND YOU HAVE A COLD!!
SHUT UP! I'M BETTER THAN THAT TENKAWA!! YOU GUYS WILL ALL BE DEAD SOON IF I DON'T GET OUT THERE AND DO SOMETHING!!
CHIEF, HELP ME.
UMM...
IF YOU COME BACK ALIVE, I'M PUTTING YOU INTO COLD SLEEP!
PREPARE AEST! VALIS 02 WITH THE SPACE PROGRAM!!
HIS VALUE SETTINGS SHOULD BE C SET!! GIVE HIM FRIES WITH THAT!
Y...YES SIR!!
FWOOOOM
I'M NOT GOING TO DIE JUST YET!! I'M STILL ALIVE! I CAN FEEL IT!!
I'M ALIVE! I'M ALIVE! I'M ALIVE! I'M ALIVE!
FWOOM
I WON'T DIE! I WON'T DIE! I WON'T DIE!
I'M ALIVE! I'M ALIVE! I'M ALIVE!
ZAP
I CAN SURVIVE THIS!! I CAN DO IT!!
ZAP

KA
THAT'S WHY I HATE AMATEURS!!
AH...
TEN-KAWA!! CAN YOU STILL MOVE?! RETURN TO THE NADESICO!!

THIS IS SPACE!! WEAR A HELMET!!
HEROES DON'T WEAR HELMETS!!
WRONG!!
I'M OFF!!
KSOOOO
AESTI VALIS 01 HAS LOST BOTH ARMS!!
CRUSH!
WHHHHH??
!!
I'M GOING TO DIE!!
WHY DOESN'T THIS ROBOT HAVE A VULCAN GUN ON ITS HEAD?
SCREECH!!

KA-KA-KA-KA
YAAH!!
BWOOM
BWOOM
BWOOM
YAMA-DA!!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?!
BWOOM
BWOOM
MY NAME IS GUY DAIGOJI!!
I'M THE HOTTEST MAN IN SPACE!!
COUGH COUGH! KOFF!
GUY!! DAMN!! HUH? WHY WON'T IT MOVE!?
MY AESTI VALIS WON'T MOVE!! HEY! WHAT'S WRONG?!

HEY, HURRY UP!!
BUT.. BUT..
BAKOOM
BOOOM
THE NADESICO WILL BE OUT OF THE ENEMY'S RANGE IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.
THE OPPONENT'S REMAINING WEAPONS ARE FOCUSED ON BOTH AESTI VALIS SHIPS.
CONTACT THE AESTI VALISES! GET THEM BACK TO THE SHIP NOW!
WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THE FIGHT STRAIGHT TO THEM!!
UUGH... THERE'RE STILL A LOT OF THEM..
TEN-KAWA, I SAID GET BACK!!
I'LL COVER YOU...
LEAVE HERE NOW!!
COUGH! KOFF! COUGH!

BWOOM
BWOOM
BWOOOM
GOOD. COME CLOSER! I'M YOUR OPPONENT NOW!!
NOT THE NADESICO, GUY IS YOUR ENEMY!!
GUY!! DON'T DIE!!!

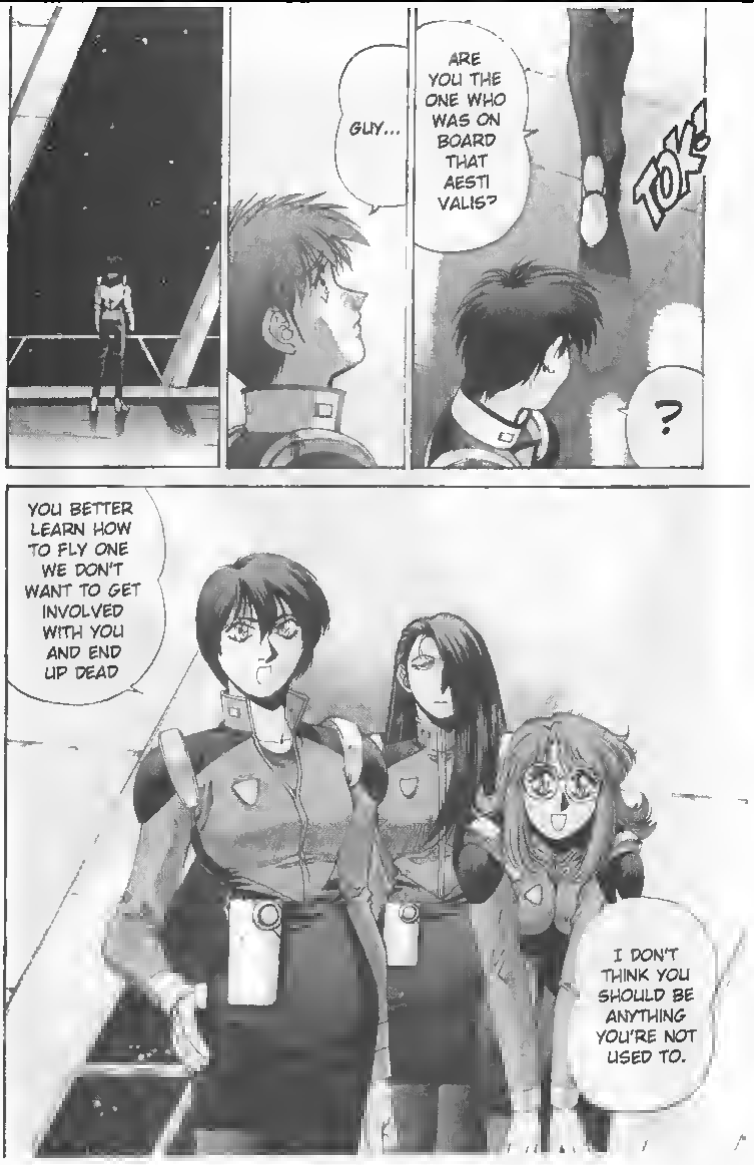
HHHHRRRR
RRMMMM
MMMMM
WOW!! I'M STILL ALIVE!
THERE ARE MORE ON THEIR WAY!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?! WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
BOTH THE NADESICO AND I ARE DONE FOR!!
HHHH RRR
HHHRRM
HHRRRMMMM
BWOOM
BOOM
BWOOM

KA-BOOM
AH...
BWOOM! BWOOM! BWOOM!
HUH? WHAT?!
THAT LIGHT...
BWOOM!
BWOOM!

YURIKA!
FATHER, YOU'RE UN-HURT?!
HUH? OH, THAT? I LIED.
MY ACTING WAS QUITE REALISTIC, DON'T YOU THINK? I EVEN USED FAKE BLOOD.
YOU KNOW IF I DIDN'T DO THAT YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE TAKEN ME SERIOUSLY.
UHM.
SEE, YOU THOUGHT IT WAS REAL. AFTER I QUIT THE MILITARY, I SHOULD BECOME AN ACTOR HA HA HA HA!
ADMIRAL FUKUBE, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY DAUGHTER.
YES, DON'T WORRY. YOUR DAUGHTER IS CLEVER ENOUGH ON HER OWN.
CAPTAIN YURIKA MISUMARU HAS MY FULL SUPPORT!
YOU HAVE MY THANKS.
SEE YOU, YURIKA!
LIVE
ZZZZT...
DAD...

HUH?
THERE ARE... THREE MORE AESTI VALIS SHIPS!?
WE HAVE FINISHED COLLECTING ALL FOUR AESTI VALIS SHIPS
IT APPEARS THE ENEMY IS TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION.
ALRIGHT. PLEASE STAND DOWN.

UMM...
THAT'S WHAT JUST HAPPENED HERE... GUY DIED IN BATTLE. THIS FAILURE HAS TAUGHT ME HOW USELESS I REALLY AM...
WHOOO
OOSH
FATHER... I'M WORRIED ABOUT HOW THINGS WILL BE OUT HERE ON THE NADESICO... IT'S SO VERY COLD IN SPACE.


GUY...
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO WAS ON BOARD THAT AESTI VALIS?
TOK
?
YOU BETTER LEARN HOW TO FLY ONE WE DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH YOU AND END UP DEAD
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE ANYTHING YOU'RE NOT USED TO.

FLUTTER

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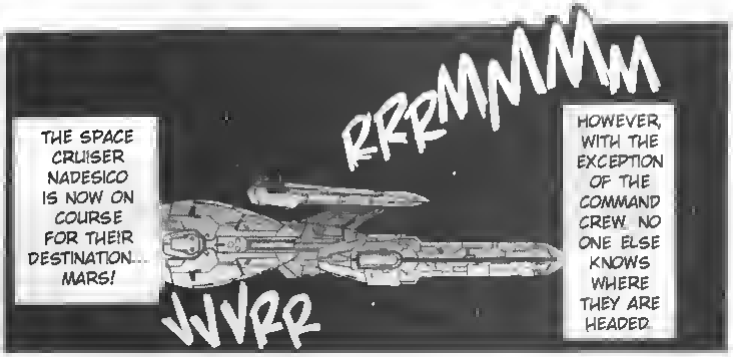
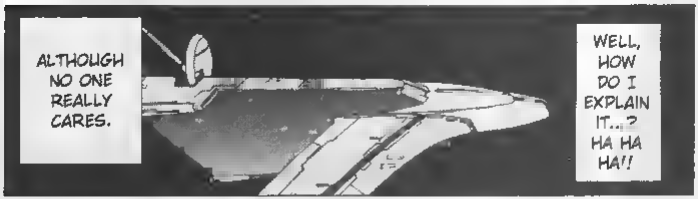
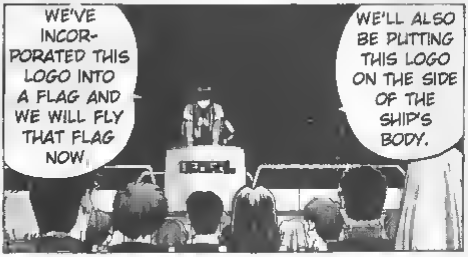

THE SPACE CRUISER NADESICO IS NOW ON COURSE FOR THEIR DESTINATION... MARS!
RRRMMMM
VVRR
HOWEVER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COMMAND CREW, NO ONE ELSE KNOWS WHERE THEY ARE HEADED.


ALTHOUGH NO ONE REALLY CARES.
WELL, HOW DO I EXPLAIN IT...? HA HA HA!!

WE'VE FINALLY DECIDED ON A LOGO FOR THE NADESICO.
Nadesico Internal Mail
Logo Design Competition
TADA!
THIS IDEA WAS SUBMITTED BY MR.TAKEDA ON THE MAINTENANCE TEAM


WE'VE INCORPORATED THIS LOGO INTO A FLAG AND WE WILL FLY THAT FLAG NOW.
WE'LL ALSO BE PUTTING THIS LOGO ON THE SIDE OF THE SHIP'S BODY.

PLEASE FLY THE NADESICO'S NEW FLAG!!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SILENCE PLEASE!!
THWAP

WOW, YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT FLAG LOOKS GREAT FLYING IN SPACE!
AKITO.. WHERE'S AKITO...?
HUH?
HE'S NOT HERE.
HUH?
AND AFTER I JUST DID MY CHOSUKE IKARIYA IMPERSONATION AND ORDERED EVERYONE TO MEET HERE ON THE OBSERVATION DECK.
HEY!!
GUY DIED... RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.
MANY PEOPLE DIED...
HUMANS ..
BECAUSE OF... ME...
SHOCK
BECAUSE OF...
SHOCK
ME.

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第6話 —— UNDER THE FLAG OF NADESICO ——

AH-HAH! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WAS ON BOARD THE AESTI VALIS!
WHAT? UMM...
HUH?
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?
PINCH!
OUCH!!
SO...
...WHAT'S YOUR CONNECTION WITH THE CAPTAIN ANYWAY?
WHAT?

HOW GLOOMY!
LITTLE BOY, WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE ALL BY YOURSELF?
WHAT? AH... I... I..
THUMP!
I SEE YOU SKIPPED THE MEETING, EH?
EVER SINCE I WAS A KID I NEVER LIKED LARGE GATHERINGS.
THW
UMP
SIGH
I'M HARUKA MINATO, I'M THE HELMSMAN OF THIS WARSHIP.
AH... I...I'M AKITO TENKAWA. UMM... I'M ..WHAT AM I EXACTLY?

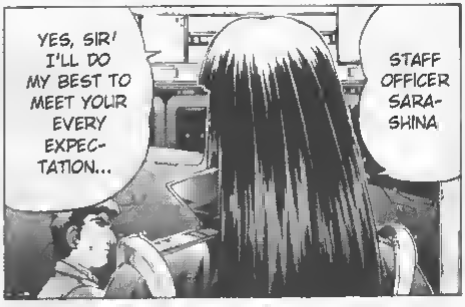
SHOCK
HUMAN?
IT'S A HUMAN BEING!! AND SHE'S WEARING A KIMONO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THE ALIENS ARE REALLY HUMANS.
SHOCK!
LIKE FROM SOME ANIME!
NO... WAIT!
WHAT?
I...I KNOW HER.
SHE'S MY...
SSSH
SSSH
SSSH

HHHHRR RRRRRRM
WE'RE GETTING LIFE SIGNS FROM INSIDE.
ARE YOU SURE THAT CAPSULE CAME FROM THE ENEMY WARSHIP?
SIGH!
THAT MEANS IT'S AN ESCAPE POD?!
THEY MAY COME POURING OUT OF THERE ..
IT'S OPEN-ING!
KRRSH!

CLANK!
UNITED EARTH GOVERNMENT
MOON DOCK 377

ARE YOU READY TO GO?
YES. EVERY-THING IS ALL SET.

WELL, YOU AND THAT WARSHIP OF YOURS ARE OUR TRUMP CARD.
I DO NOT WANT YOU TO DESTROY THE NADESICO. I WANT HER INTACT.

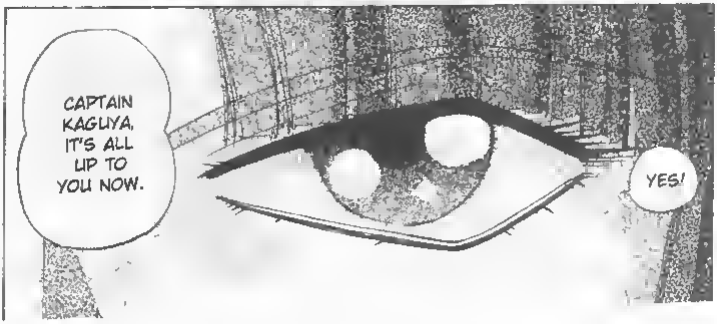

YES, SIR! I'LL DO MY BEST TO MEET YOUR EVERY EXPEC-TATION...
STAFF OFFICER SARA-SHINA

HUH?
INES FRESANJEU...
SHE'S SURVIVED...
MARS?
THERE'S ONLY ONE SURVIVOR?
SHE WAS A DOCTOR AT NERGAL'S MARS RESEARCH CENTER
WELL, THERE WAS NO DOCTOR ON BOARD THIS SHIP, SO THIS IS ACTUALLY GOOD FOR US
I SEE.
YEAH, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
HHHK
WWWW

VVVVVVOOSH
HHRRRMMM
EXCUSE ME? UMM...IS THIS THE BRIDGE?
AHHHHRRRRRRMM
YAAAYY!! AKITO! AKITO! AKITO!! AKITO!! AKITO!!
WE FINALLY MEET!! I'M SO ULTRA HAPPY!!
HUH? HEY!!

CLANK
THUNK
CLUNK

WE BEGAN BUILDING THIS WARSHIP TO BE JUST LIKE THE NADESICO BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLETE A WARSHIP LIKE THAT IN A WEEK.
WE NEED SOME-THING WE CAN USE NOW.
IT'S FOR THE GOOD OF THE UNITED EARTH GOVERN-MENT.
I UNDER-STAND.


CAPTAIN KAGUYA, IT'S ALL UP TO YOU NOW.
YES!

THEY DESTROYED EVERY SINGLE COLONY AND INSTITUTION ON MARS.
AFTER THAT, THEY BEGAN EXCAVATING THE SURFACE... SEARCHING.
HOW DID YOU SURVIVE?
YEAH! HOW? THAT'S STRANGE.
THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT IT AT ALL.
WE HAD SHELTERS UNDER-GROUND.
WE WERE ABLE TO AVOID THEIR ATTACKS BY STAYING IN THE SHELTERS
WE HELD OUT FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS, THOUGH. THEIR SEARCH PARTIES EVENTUALLY FOUND US AND TOOK US TO THEIR SHIPS...
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER THAT.
WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS HERE ON THIS SHIP.
AT LEAST WE NOW KNOW THAT THERE ARE NO SURVIVORS ON MARS.
I'LL REPORT THIS AND WE'LL AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS. THEY MIGHT JUST...

CAPTAIN! WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A MEETING!
UHHH
I'M.. I'M SORRY
AKITO, I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.
WHAT? LATER?!
WAIT A MINUTE NOW!!
INES, CAN YOU PLEASE CONTINUE?
WHERE WAS I?
OH, YES. I WAS EXPLAINING WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE MARTIAN WAR, WHEN MARS WAS ATTACKED.
THEY WERE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING.
BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS THEY WERE LOOKING FOR.

火星
MARS
WE ARE CURRENTLY APPROX-IMATELY ONE WEEK'S JOURNEY FROM MARS.
IN TWO DAYS WE WILL CROSS THE DEFENSE PERIMETER THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED AROUND MARS.

CAPTAIN!
HUH? SHE'S NOT HERE..
WHAT? THAT'S NOT THE CAPTAIN!?

YEAH, THIS IS THE LIFE-SIZE MODEL SEIYA MADE OF THE CAPTAIN.
LET ME SEE.
I REMEMBER SEIYA SAID THAT THE CAPTAIN TOOK THE MODEL, BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE USES IT FOR THIS.

SHE'S AN IDIOT...

ARE YOU SAYING THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THEY MAY CHANGE OR CANCEL THE SCAPARELLY PROJECT?
WHEN WE BEGAN, OUR MISSION WAS TO SAVE ANY SURVIVORS ON MARS AND COLLECT MATERIALS FROM THE MARS RESEARCH CENTER.
HEY, DOES THAT MEAN WE WON'T BE GOING TO MARS AT ALL?
LOOKS LIKE IT.
WE CAN'T MAKE THAT DECISION WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR AN ANSWER FROM THE HEAD OFFICE
CAPTAIN, THAT WILL BE ALL
I UNDER-STAND. EVERYONE, BACK TO YOUR POSITIONS
AND..
!
!NES?
WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO REMAIN ON THIS SHIP AS A DOCTOR?
YES, I CAN DO THAT. I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY PLACE TO GO.

WHAT? THIS ISN'T AN AESTI VALIS!?
THIS IS A TOTALLY NEW FRAME!?
BUT IT'S COMPATIBLE WITH THE CURRENT AESTI.
THIS IS A ZERO G FRAME, EXABITE. THE NERGAL AND ASUKA INDUSTRIES DEVELOPED THIS TOGETHER
WOW!
THAT'S THE OFFICIAL PARTY LINE, BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT THIS IS NINETY PERCENT ASUKA.
NERGAL INDUSTRIES, CO.,LTD.
I HEARD THAT NERGAL'S ACTUALLY IN A BIT OF TROUBLE.
TROUBLE? YOU MEAN, LIKE, BANK-RUPT?
NERGAL MIGHT BE AB-SORBED BY ASUKA.
WHAT ABOUT THE NADESICO?

AKITO!
WHERE ARE YOU?
HE DOESN'T HAVE A COMMUNICATOR YET.
IF HE WAS WEARING ONE, I COULD FIND HIM EASILY!
AKITO, YOU JERK!
YURIKA...
KITCHEN
NADESICD
DO YOU WANNA WORK HERE, BOY?
I DON'T WANT TO BE A PILOT.
ALRIGHT. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE. I'LL PUT YOU TO WORK.
SIZZLE!
CLANG
HEY, CAN YOU CHOP A FLOATING CUCUMBER WITHOUT MAKING RIPPLES IN THE WATER?
CLANK!
WHAT?

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS APPROACHING THE NADESICO FROM THE AFT!!
ALL HANDS, LEVEL TWO ALERT!! LEVEL TWO ALERT!!
RURI!! CHECK THE CODES!!
I'M ON IT.

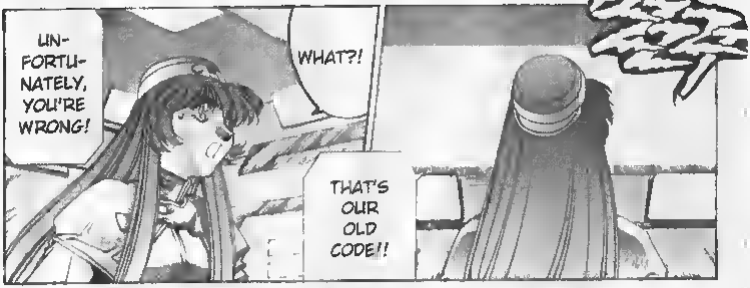
THE HIGH-LIGHT OF THIS NEW MODEL IS THAT IT WILL IMMEDIATELY REACT TO THE FIVE SENSES OF ITS PILOT.
IT'S SO DIFFERENT FROM THE IMAGE FIELD BACK SYSTEM WE USE NOW!
WOW, AN ORIGINAL SYSTEM MADE BY THAT MAVERICK COMPANY!
SKA SKAP
IT'S FINALLY ON SALE!
ITS ONLY PROBLEM IS ITS ASSAULT PIT BUT WE CAN USE ONE FROM AN AESTI VALIS.
I BROUGHT LOTS OF SPARE PARTS.
BWAM
BWAM
GREAT! WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE JUPITERIANS ANYMORE NOW THAT WE'VE GOT THIS!!
ATTACK ANYTIME YOU WANT!! THE NADESICO ACCEPTS ALL CHALLENGERS!!
YEAH!
WE WILL, WE WILL ROCK YOU
HEH HEH HEH

THE NADESICO'S PROTO-TYPE?!

THIS IS A VISUAL OF THE NADESICO'S AFT.
LIVE
現在時刻：13時44分（宇宙標準時）
NO VISUAL CONFIR-MATION.
NADESICO REAR
ナデシコ 後方映像
NADESICO
NERGAL

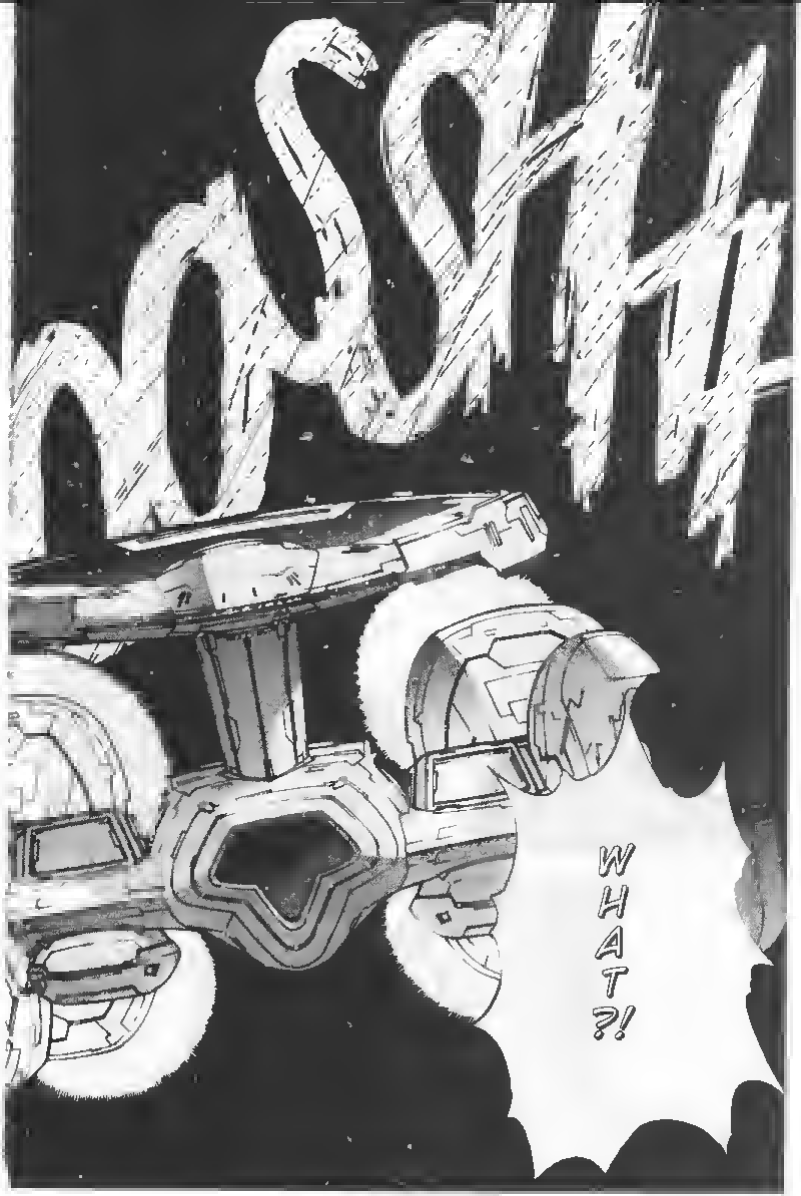
MAYBE IT'S A BLACK SHIP?
CON-FIRMING ENERGY BLASTS FROM THE UNIDEN-TIFIED OBJECT!!
ONE SECOND TO CONTACT!!

PEAP PEAP
PEAP PEAP
BOOM
FWASH
FWASH
FWASH
WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE CODE!! NG-SF-23T?! THAT IDEN-TIFICATION CODE IS FOR...


UN-FORTU-NATELY, YOU'RE WRONG!
WHAT?!
THAT'S OUR OLD CODE!!

THIS SHIP IS NOW UN-SF-444A, THE KAGUYA, OF THE UNITED EARTH GOVERNMENT. SPACE CRUISER KAGUYA!
I AM THE CAPTAIN, KAGUYA ONIKIRIMARU! YURIKA, HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
LIVE
KAGUYA → NADESICO

KAGUYA?
YOU ARE THE CAPTAIN OF THAT SHIP? YOU?!


WHAT?!

I'LL SHOW YOU THE POWER OF MY LOVE!!
GOO
OSH
THAT'S MY LINE!!
DISTORTION FIELD POWER TO MAXIMUM!!
FULL REVERSE, 180 DEGREES!!
HUH?
SIGH
I THINK WE SHOULD JUST GO THROUGH WITH THIS BUT NOT TAKE IT TOO SERIOUSLY.
THIS IS A SENSE-LESS BATTLE!
WHAT AN IDIOT!

THE UNITED EARTH GOVERNMENT AND MY FATHER'S COMPANY, ASUKA INDUSTRIES, BOUGHT THIS SHIP FROM NERGAL.
WE HAVE LOTS OF NEW SYSTEMS, INSTALLED JUST TO DEFEAT THE NADESICO!!

I'VE HEARD THAT AKITO IS ON YOUR SHIP.
WHAT?! YEAH, HE IS. SO?
LET'S FINISH HERE AND NOW WHAT WE STARTED WHEN WE WERE KIDS

WHOEVER WINS THIS BATTLE... GETS AKITO!!
WH... WHAT?! HE IS SO MINE!!

CHOP!
CHOP!
HEY, HURRY UP! YOU'VE CUT ONLY TWO CABBAGES SO FAR!
Y .. YES!
UUGH.. I ALWAYS END UP CUTTING CABBAGE.
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
FIRE!!
ZA-SH
ZA-SH
TRAP
TRAP
TRAP

I WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE! NADESICO! YURIKA MISUMARU!
THAT'S RIGHT! I WON'T LET YOU TO GET AWAY FROM ME THIS TIME!!
I WANT TO END THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL AND PROVE AKITO WAS DESTINED TO END UP WITH ME EVER SINCE WE WERE KIDS!
THEY'RE RIGHT NEXT TO US!! THEY'RE RIGHT NEXT TO US!!

HHHHHHHHRRR

BWOOM!
THOM
THOM
BWOOM!
WHRAP!
UUGH ...IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALMOST EVEN.
BUT I'M GOING TO PROTECT AKITO!!
CAPTAIN! WE'VE ENTERED INTO THE MARTIAN SPHERE OF INFLUENCE!
IDENTI-FYING A FLOATING ENEMY FOR-TRESS!
WHOOSH !
THE FOR-TRESS HAS STARTED TO MOVE!

...End Book One

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